

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the present Amendment claims 53, 54 and 57-83 will be pending, with claims 53, 54 and 57-59 being independent claims. Dependent claims 60-83 are new.

Applicants note that the cancellation of claims 27-29, 34, 35, 37-42, 44-52, 55 and 56 is without prejudice or disclaimer to the prosecution of these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications, and should by no means be construed as Applicants' admission that the rejection or withdrawal from consideration of these claims is justified. Rather, these claims have been canceled merely to expedite the issuance of a patent on the already allowed claims.

Claims 53, 54 and 57-59 are indicated to be allowed in the Advisory Action mailed March 22, 2005. Added dependent claims 60-83 depend from one of claims 57-59 and are otherwise essentially identical with canceled dependent claims 28, 29, 34, 35 and 38-41. To assist the Examiner in his review of the added claims, the following table sets forth which of the new claims corresponds in its wording to one of canceled claims 28, 29, 34, 35 and 38-41 and depends directly or indirectly from one of claims 57 to 59.

So the record can be as clear and complete as possible, Applicants note that Applicants' representative, Heribert Muensterer, telephoned the Examiner on April 12, 2005 and discussed the addition of the claims added herein. The Examiner indicated he would review the claims upon submission.

Canceled Claim	New Claim Dependent from		
	Claim 57	Claim 58	Claim 59
28	60	68	75
29	-	-	76
34	61	69	77
35	62	-	78
37	63	70	79
38	64	71	80
39	65	72	81
40	66	73	82
41	67	74	83

Applicants note that the addition of dependent claims 60-83 does not raise any new issues and does not require any new search, wherefore entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

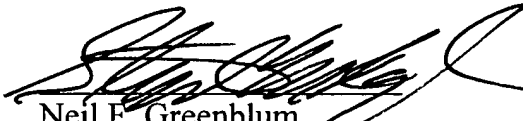
CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, and an early issuance of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability is earnestly solicited. If any issues yet remain to be

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resolved, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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